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DIED. ACKSON—to memory of our hitle dough Mane, who died one year ago today ad the Gardener gave us to cherish unde filed: He gave it to our keeping just for a little

while;
But just as it was opening to the glory of
the day,
Down came the heavenly Gardener and took
our full away.

MAMMA AND PAPA. MAMMA AND PAPA.

M COY—in Wednesday, December 23, 1856, at 6:30 o clock a. m. Bessie McCoy, at her residence, No. 457 Armory st. sw.

SMALLWOOD—On Wednesday, Becember 23, at the residence of Mrs. Mary Ford, 214 C. street southeast, Julia Smallwood, safer of Mr. George Smallwood, of Anacostia, aged forty-two years.

Funeral services at St. Cyprian's Church, corner of Thirte-mithandust recess southeast, on Saturday at 9 a. m.



BOLIDAY WEEK WILL KEEP SOCIETY BUSY

All Sorts of Yuletide Gaiety Is Planned.

Mrs. Leiter Givesa Cotillion on New Year's Eve and Mrs. Boardman a Dinner Tonight.

centh a sprig of mistletce

The minutes passed. At last she spoke, in accents sad and drear: "We might as well sit down," she said, "Tis useless standing here."

There is lots of mistletoe among the holly and the bolly is everywhere. The coming week promises to be one of the gayest hol-iday seasons Washington has known in years, and the pretty buds who have been blooming at the rate of three a day for the last month will dance the old year out and the new year in.

Mrs. Boardman will give a very band some dance at her beautiful home on P street this evening, and nearly every night next week will be marked by a ball, be-ginning with that of Mr. and Mrs. John Hay at Eauscher's on Monday and ending with the very elegant dinner dance by Sepator and Mrs. Brice on New Year's night at Corcoran bouse.

Mrs. Leiter's cotillion on New Year's eve will be particularly handsome, the favors having been selected with great care and almost regardless of expense.

The hunt ball at the Cnevy Chase Club in Wednesday night will be one of the iotable events of the week and promise well as in the gorgeous raiment of the stamen and the handsome gowns of the

The managers of the bust ball will be Mesars, Chirence Moore, F. L. Denny, E. A. Bowers, James H. Hayden and William C.

The wedding of Miss Camilla Hare and Mr. J. B. Lippincott of Polladelphia which will occur at St. John's Church is this city on January 20, will be the most notable nupting event of the new year, and with the exception of the Bonsparte Huttfeldt wedding, the most netable of

the winter Pight Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, D. D. Bishop of Washington, will officiate, as-sisted by Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D. D., rector of St. John's. There will be

a full choral service by the vested chair of the charch, and the wedding party will be a large and distinguished one. Miss Mable Merriam, daughter of ex-Gov. Merriam, of Minnesota, will be maid. Mary Utler Hare, Miss Marie Hays, Miss

Winoma King of Albany, N. Y.; Miss Caroline Porter Miss Walsh of Philadelphia an Miss Lippincott, the sister of the groom. The best man will be Mr. Charles Walsh from that city and New York with the exception of Mr. John Merriam of St. Paul, cousin of the bride.

The bride will be escorted to the altar by her father, Capt. L. R. Hare, of the Seventh Cavalry, now stationed at Fort Sheridan, but who will probably be detailed to duty in Washington early in the new year. A wedding breakfast wifl follow at the family residence of Mrs. Hare's father, Col. John Hancock, of this city, where the youthful bride and her her are now stopping. Miss Hare was until last June a pupil

at a fashionable boarding school near Bal timore, and is just seventeen. During the early summer vacation, which she spen with her grandpurents in this city, she attended a pole match at Fort Myer, a guest of the family of Lieut. Porter, where he met Mr. Linnincott, one of the most eligible bachelors of Philadelphia, who had met hundreds of charming women, but waited the coming of this little Army school garl to make a complete surrender of his heart and hand. Miss Hare is wonderfully dignified and accomplished giri and a handsome brunette, who will be entirely equal to assuming the poion of a smart young matron in the post exclusive society of staid old Phila-

She is, through her mother, a descendant of the Adams family of Massachusetts. id is a grandniece of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock. Her father is an officer of much distinction, who has done great service in the field, having been through noted Indian. fights with Gens. Custer and Reno

Senator and Miss Voorbees, who were emporarily located at the Riggs, have taken house on Maryland avenue for the winter

Senator and Mrs. John H. Greer of Iowa are at the Portland for the winter.

Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Mor on will entertain the Secretary of State and Mrs. Olpey and Mrs. Minot at a handsome dinner at the Portland this evening

Miss Edes will entertain her friends a

Capt. and Mrs. Bayward will be at hom informally this afternoon from 3 to 6

Miss Marie Adair, the attractive young daughter of Surgeon Adair, U. S. A., is home from boarding school and spending

the vacation with her parents at the Wash Mr. and Mrs. Albert Halstead have returned from their honeymoon trip, and will spend Christmas with Mrs. Halstead's

which they will go home in Springfield, Mass. The marriage of Miss Julia Scott, daughte of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, and niece of Vice-President Stevenson, will be one of the weddings of next month, in which

parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wittemore, of

No. 1526 New Hampshire avenue, after

Washington society is interested. The ceremony was never intended to be celebrated in this city, as has been un- Tilly.

nounced by a Washington paper. Th groom-clect is Mr. Carl Vrooman of Balt. more, and the wedding will occur at the bride's home, in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Greene Stevenso are expected to spend the greater part of the season at the Normandie, with the Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson,

The marriage of Miss Louise Bonapart and Count de Moltke-Huitfeldt will take place Tuesday, at noon, in the presence of only the intimate friends of the bride's

The groom-elect is now stopping at the Arlington. The wedding presents already received are exceptionally beautiful, and include many valuable jewels from the groom's family, and a crescent of diamonds from the ex-Empress Eugenie, the god-

The Baptist Church, Rockville, was Wednesday night the scene of a quiet but beautiful wedding. The contracting parties were Miss Susie Davis, the daughter of Mr. William E. Davis of Rockville al Mr. James K. Kerr, jr., of Washing ton, P. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. R. Milburn. Mr. James Bel lew of Washington was best man, and Miss Lottle Davis, sister of the bride, was maid Miss Irene Steers of Washington, presided at the organ.

The ushers were Mr. Louis Bergman and Charles Steers of Washington and Mr. Thomas C. Keys and Roger Shaw of hockville. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs. Kerr took the 8:25 train for Wash-

Miss Maize Donaldson who is spending the holiday season with her parents will return to her art studies in New York Junuary 3

Mes May E. Daish has returned from er western trip, where she visited friends at McComb, Oakwood and Toledo, O. Detroit and Quincy, Mich., and Chicago III. Miss Daist will be given a then party by Miss Hortense Kentles on Mon-

Failed to Repair the Cable. St. John's Newfoundland, Dec. 24.— The cable steamer Minis has arrived her from a second unsuccessful attempt to repair the cable on the Grand Banks Sh has now abandoned the work for the winter. She reports exceedingly sterm

weather Il You Give a Dinner. Supper, or banquet, consult Mr. Freund 815 16th st. Menu and service arranged to my price you wish to pay Anguancein act half at your disposal without extra

HIS IDEA OF WOMEN.

Lombroso Has Brought Down a Storm of Fury on His Head.

Prof. Lombroso, the noted Italian crin ologist, has brought down on his head the vigorous condemnation of all wome and many men by a recent fulmination of honor, and the bridesmalds will be the fourteen-year-old sister of the bride, Miss sex. The professor's remarks are, of course, declared by ins friends to be merely the result of scientific observation. Every street matron who, after reading the article, remarked quietly: "Poor man, some body must have filted him awfully!" The professor says:

with children; their moral sense is de ficient: they are revengeful, jealous, inclined to vengeance of a refined cruelty In ordinary cases these defects are neutralized by picty, maternity, want of passion, sexual coldness, by weakn and undeveloped intelligence. But when a morbid activity of the physical cen-ters intensifies the bad qualities of women and induces them to seek relief in evi criminal present in the normal woman ust be transformed into a born crimi-

ore terrible than in any man. 'What terrific criminals would children if they had strong passions, muscular strength, and sufficient intelligence. And Women are big children, their evil tendencies are more numerous and more varied than men's, but generally remain latent. When they are awakened and excited, they produce results proportionally greater.

"Most often the hatreds and ven seances of women are of the complicated rigin. Every small check in the struggle for life produces hatred of somehod in them and frequently the hatred ends in crime. A disappointment turns to hate for the person who has caused it, even involuntarity.

"An unsatisfied desire breeds resentmen oward the person representing the obstacle, even though he may only have in a detestation of the conqueror, which is most violent in cases where the defeated one's own incapacity has been the cause

"All these are but slower forms of the ject against which they have knocked their heads, and they prove an inferior physical development, con to children, but also to the lower ani-

SANG IN THE STREETS. Actress Anna Held Raised \$800 for Pittsburg's Poor.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24 - Miss Anna Held the French acterss, who is playing at the Grand Opera House, sang on the public streets of this city today for the benefit of a charitable institution. The crowds were so pleased with the young woman's efforts that over \$800 was poured into her carriage. One of the songs

that pleased the spectators was "I Want Yer, Mah Honey. Washingtonians in New York.

Special to the Times. New York, Dec. 24.-Manhattan, M. A. Knapp; Gilsey, C. J. Bell and wife; Grand Union, A. Victorios and wife; Astor, C to their future A. Cabrera, G. C. Steward; St. Denis, F S. Duffy; Murray Hill, J. A. Durant; Grand, N. Paige, jr.; Cosmopolitan, J. Fitzgerald; Park Avenue, D. Ingalls; Metropolitan, C. Long; Holland, C. T. Moore and wife; Hoffman, A. Ordway; Imperial, A. C. Roberts; Sturtevant, H. K. Southard. Army arrivals: T. Hiss, H. R. Semley. Navy: C. Leary, B. F.

WORLD'S CLERGY TO ATTEND

Many Nations Will Be Represented at St. Andrew's Convention.

Next Meeting of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. Other Religious Events.

Joint executive committees representing the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, Australia and the West Indies Councils of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, have just met in New York and fixed upon October 13 to 17, 1897, as the date, and laffalo as the place for holding an international convention which, it is expected, will prove the largest gathering of laymen of the Auglican Communion ever known. Distinguished visitors from abroad who will attend this convention include the Lord Bishop of Rochester, England; Very Rev. Enos Nuttall, D. D., of Jamaica; Canor Charles Gore, of Westminster Abbey; Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode, ode of the famous publishers of that name, and Lord Hugh Cecil, son of the Marquis of Salisbury. The diocese of Rochester includes most of South London and presents many religious and

educational problems.

Canon Gore is a noted social reformer, and was at one time head of Pusey House, Oxford. Mr. Spottiswoode is president of the English council, and Lord Cech is one of the most active Brotherhood men in England. Bishops officially representing the Canadian and American councils will be present. The questions to be discussed at this great gathering are church work among young men and social purity.

The Brotherhood is made up of the young nen in the Episcopal Church who are active church workers. There are about four hundred of them in Washington, nearly every parish in the city having a charter. At east twenty-five hundred delegates will be present, representing American chapters, and there will be delegates from Scot land, Australia and the West Indies.

The international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association has jest decided to hold the next international invention at Mobile, April 22 to 25. This is a biennial event and business of the first importance will come before it. It is held at Mebile in order to help asociation work in the South.

Immediately following it there will be at Salem, Ala., April 26 to 28, a secretaries' onference, called to discuss methods, es pecially for doing more effective work in the South. Although the international orumittee represents only the United States and Canada it will give an in formal survey of association work through out the world, and report that there has een unusual progress during the past two years.

Programs of great interest are preparing or both the Mobile and Salem conventions and the international committee appeals to all associations to be as largely represeried as possible. A new international committee will be chosen at Mobile for the United States and Canada

The last of the autonor Methodist Enisopal Church conferences has just been held and it is now possible to get an in-dication of how the nucle-discussed ques ion of the admission of women to the eneral conference of the church may be lecided. The question failed to carry the ast time by about sixty six votes, and the general conference held at Cleveland last May resubmitted it to a vote of the annual conferences. The votes in these conferences indicate a decided falling off in the vote in favor of admission, and the negative vote is likely to be increased in the conferences to be held next spring, a majority of which are in the East and outh, while the strength of the women son movement came chiefly from the

Indeed, if Eastern and Southern confer nees remain of their former opinion and ote as they did Mst year the question will be again lost, and that by a larger ote than before

WEDDED WITHOUT KNOWING IT

Young Woman Claims She Became a

Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 24 - A man giving his name as Betton M. Main, and his residence as Sheldon, Ill., a phren-logist, palmist and hypnotist, came here weeks ago and engaged room and board at the Woodburn, a high-class board-

Last night he was married to Miss Mary Wistman, the handsome young sister of the landlady of the Woodburn, but tonight he is in the city jail, having been arrested on a charge of getting the girl under hypnotic influence and then marrying her The bride says she has no recollection of the marriage or events which followed ontil teday, and can hardly believe that the was married but the proof is absolute

The groom was arrested on complaint of the girl's parents, and she joins in the she claims is very objectionable to her, but when in his presence she makes no complaint. The bride was engaged to be married to another young man of the city, and claims to have had no thought of marrying any one else.

No further action than the arrest of the groom has yet been taken, but this to have the marriage set aside.

MRS. LOCKWOOD'S REPORT.

Her Observations on the Geneva Congress Submitted to Olney.

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, who was one of the delegates from the United States to the Second International Congresses, which were held at Geneva, Switzerland, in Sepexercised a personal right. Defeat results | tember last, to consider the administra tion of public charities and the protection of children, has made an instructive repor to the Department of State.

Ten nationalities were represented and about sixty-five delegates were in at me passion which causes children to tendance. The congresses were in session dminister a shower of blows on any ob- for six days, during which time many interesting and valuable papers were presented and ably discussed.

Among the important topics considered were the education of abandoned children and the children of vicious parents, and the best methods of relieving the poor so as to make the relief permanent and to diminish instead of increasing pauperis and crime.

A Bright Mississippi Woman. The New Orleans Picavone says: "Mrs. Bell, State librarian of Mississippi, is in New Orleans visiting friends and makng purchases for the holidays. Mrs. Bell is me of the brightest young women of our She resides in Jackson and sister State. is quite a leader in literary circles in that harming center. For some time she has been filling the important position of State librarian, a work for which she is emi-nently fitted. She is a well-read woman, an intellectual and witty conversationalist, and her pretty home in Jackson is the center of a refined and cultured group, whose in-fluence is felt in Mississippi."

Handsome Christmas Fund Raised. New York, Dec. 24.-The members of Stock Exchange today subscribed \$4,700 as a Christmas fund, which was divided among the employes of the exchange. This is the largest sum provided by the members in a number of years. The money was distributed among 270 employes. The Stock Exchange will be closed until Monday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

to old customers and to new ones is KING'S PALACE.

A CONSISTENT MAN.

She could make better coffee than anybody else in town. Everybody admitted that, irrespective of personal pride or

family affection. A good many people who admired and who had vainly tried to imitate had asked for her recipe, but the only satisfaction they ever got for their pains was: "Why, I just make it, that's all." Opinion was divided as to why her answer was always so indefinite, her stanchest supporters claiming that she was honest, and that that was really all there was to it, she simply mixing the coffee and water, while her own potent magnetism did the rest. But there were others who were not so strongly attached to her and who insisted that it was pure meanness and selfishness that prompted her to keep to herself the secret of turning off a cup of coffee that for fragrance and deliciousness ould not be found elsewhere.

People never dropped into her house to an afternoon tea. She always served coffee. That was the reason the bachelor called there so often. Teas, he maintained, were such insipid, characteriess affairs and worthy of being attended only by people who were as mane as the tea liself. But when it came to coffee—ah, there was some-thing that put new life into a man and drowned disamonlyment in the hones it isdrowned disappointment in the hopes it in

spired of achieving something in the fu-ture.

And she poured coffee as cleverly as she nade it. She always looked her best at those times, and it was well for his beautyloving eye that that was what she was doing when he first saw her. They were brought together at a little informal gathering at the house of a friend, and after he had met her there a second time he felt that he was privileged to call on her at her own home. She gave him coffee there, too, and somehow presiding over her own urn lent an added charm to her gentle graciousness. Even the aroma of the golden-brown liquid as it was borne to his nostrils on little white clouds of steam inspired a feeling of confidence and homeliness which was ac-entuated by the dignified cordiality of the woman herseif.

"These bubbles foretell that there is to deep friendship established between he said, looking thoughtfully into the fragile cop. "That is interesting, isn'tit?"
"Yes," she laughed, "but not very sur-prising. What else do you see?"

"Ob, nothing in particular. You see," he resumed, after a panse, "I am a great advocate of friendstip. I believe it is to valued above all other ties, love not excepted. My ideal of an earthly attachent is a pure, disinterested friendship whether it be extended a la Micawber, from

an to man or from woman to woman, or tween the sexes."
"I never could understand," she interropied, "what people mean by a 'disinter-ested' friendship. If you are disinterested how can you be a friend?"

"Distincrested from a personal stand-int," he explained quickly, "thoughtful ad solicitous for the friend, of course. As I was saying a moment ago, I believe that there is no relation that brings our the highest soutiments in one's nature as does friendship. Jealousy, suspicion and all coarser passions are eliminated, and fi-delity, ansefishness and integrity dominate the heart."

You are enthusiastic," she remarked. "Pernaps," he assented: but I am con-sistent in my belief. I see nothing to pre-vent our becoming just such friends, de

If there were any obstacles in the way they were soon overcome. He called but two or three times a week during the first few months of their acquaintance, but the restrictions she had imposed upon too fre-quent visits were finally removed, and then e fell into the habit of stopping there rery day on his way home from the studio.

It was the coffe he went for—of course
He told his friends so, he asserted the same hing to her, and even went so far as to

thing to her, and even went so far as to believe it himself. She always smiled when be said anything about it, but she was too wise to contradict him.

They were very confidential. Both had much to relate. He was 49 years ald—he hadn't told anybody his age for years before meeting her—and she was 27. She looked to be a few years older than that, and by degrees she gave him graphic sketches of the early marriage, disappointment and privation that had brought on the marks of premature age. It was a very natheric slory premature age. It was a very pathetic story nd his heart always thrilled with sym eathy as he listened.

"You ought to marry again," he ad-ised one day, at the conclusion of one of the touching fragments of history. 'Do you think so?' she asked, naively.
'I'm sure of it. If I were not so old. I'd.

consider the matrimonial question myself. But when a man reaches my age without baving committed himself, he may safely be put down as a confirmed bachelor. Then is when we learn to value friendship so highly I wish I were either a little younger or possessed of more youthful spirits. But man with a varied experience ages rap idly. So I suppose—'

The supposition ended in a sigh. She reflected a moreent, then said, softly:

ng to see me soon. I've been expecting him or years, but there were things that prevented. I used to think him thoroughly con-genial, but now I know better. Since then I have seen-men for whom I could care a great deal more."

"Have you?" he asked "What were they like."

'There is a man in the South who is com

"I'll tell you some day," she replied

The bachelor had work out of town at that time and he did not see her again for two weeks. He called immediately after his return and she welcomed him with uneigned pleasure "I'm so glad you've come," she said, as I'm so gind you won as he entered the room. "I have so ach to tell you Look into your cup and e what the hubbles say now."

He studied the surface of the coffe. "Friendship," he said at length, roken, ballowed friendship." "Is that all?" I believe so. There is one

but I hardly think it would be advisable to "My friend from the South came las "she said. "He wants me to marry You have been my sole confidant for he last two years, and I wish to consuit you

before giving him a final answer. Shall I cent him? Do you think there is nothing Somehow the deferential, earnest way in which she put the question took something light and hopeful out of his heart, and left a great void there. His hand trembled as he

set down the cup.

"So you wish me to be your oracle?" Yes." remembered her words in regard to ien for whom she could care more. Had her friendship ripened into something deeper and stronger? Did she mean But he was willing to let her mean it. "Un-broken friendship." he reflected, "which means fidelity to the interests of the other." He was consistent to the last. "I think," he said, "you had better ac-cept him."—Chicago News.

Women's Ways. "When Mrs. Rawton lived in Pawpaw she uldn't wear a gown unless it was made n Chicago. Yes; and new that she lives in Chicago she won't wear any gown made outside of Paris."—Chicago Record.

Guessing at It. Tillie-Yes, isn't it funny, the birthdays of my dog and my bird both fall on the same day

Her Ordeal. "Jack has to do all of Julia's Christmas "Why is that?"

Willie Killilu-Ah, twins, I presume

Philadelphia North American,

"When she boys pretty things herself she never has the courage to give them away,"-Chicago Record.

TOLD A CHRISTMAS STORY

Pretty Entertainment by the New Church Sunday School.

Little Ones in Song and Recitation Enacted the Holy Event of Centuries Ago.

The interesting circumstances of the birth of Christ was beautifully told last evening in song and story at the Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of the Church of the Holy City, corner of Cor coran and Sixteenth streets northwest Despite the bitter cold the little folks and their bigger sisters and brothers were out in full force, and as they marched in singing the processional hymn, their bright faces beamed with happiness and they sang the sougs with a spirit of enthusiasm born of the occusion.

The church was tastefully decorated with etergreen, and in the center of the chancel was placed an immense Christmas tree heavily laden with gifts for the little ones. Above the tree was suspended the motto, "Peace on Earth," and above this as if floating in space was the Star of Hope.

The most interesting feature of the decorations, arranged to Illustrate the story of the birth of the Saviour, was The stable in minjature was placed in the front center of the chancel, at the foot of the Christmas tree, and in it could e seen the wee child Christ on a coucl and an angel hovering over keeping watch at the close of the exercises was the center of interest for all present

Specially interesting features of the exercises were the story of "The Three Kings of the Orient," told in song by Masters Rathbone and Huxley Smith and John Halsted: a recitation, "It Was the Very Noon of Midnight," by Master Chand-ler Smith, a solo, "So Sweet and Clear," by Miss Edith Meen, and a selection, by Mr. N. A. Prentiss. The children were assisted in the charge

the choir of the church, with Miss Maude Sewall, the daughter of the postor, as organist.

Just before the recessional hymn was

CHURCH MUSIC TO-DAY.

ing the pastor, Rev. Frank Sewall, as principal of the Sunday-school, presented each member of the different classes with a gift, as a memento of the occasion

Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday morning-Organ prelude, "Gloria Patri," solo, "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night," Marzo, Mr. Emory Heir Flocks by Night, "Marzo, Mr. Emory Wilson, by man No. 187, congregation, prayer, norning lesson from Old Testament; solo, "Night of Nights," Vandewater, Mrs. Oxley, norning lesson from the New Testament; collection and notices; hymn No. 192, congregation, sermon by the pastor, Rev. Oliver A. Brown, hymn No. 188, congregation, doxology and henediction, organist, Mr. W. K. Cohen, precentor, Mr. Frank Wilson; special service also at 7.30 p. m., with preaching by the pastor.

Assembly's Presbyterian Church, Fifth nd I streets northwest, Rev. G. o. Little D. D., pastor. Christmas music for Sunmy, Descember 27 Morning, Christmas ignin, alto selo and chorus, Adam; "Bend-ng O'er a Cradle Low," Marzo, br. C. L. diss, with violin chlighto by Miss Myrn ittenden; "Softly Silver Starlight, rior. Evening, Shout the Gaid Tidings, aveniort; '9, Joy, All Joys Excelling, rambach. The choir is the only one of other voices in the country, and is making high making land. a high musical reputation. First septanos, Mrs. Lelia J. Speer, Misses Isabelle Culley and Helen C. Gardher; second septanos, Misses Elia Lyman and Charlotte Andrews, Ars. L. I. Betts, first alto, Misses Hanche Campbell, Helen Willis, and Helen Stockton; second altes, Misses Flosaic Keene and Hanche Allison; organist and director, Theo. I. King.

St. Mary's P. E. Chapel, St. John's Parish Twenty-third street, between G and H streets northwest-Holy communion, 7 and 11 a.m.; prayer and sermon, It a.m.; Frocessional, 49: "Venue," chant, Mornington, "Gloria Patri," Mornington, "Te Denni," Max Vogrieh, "Jubilate," chant, Morris introit byinh, 59; communion service in A flat, with Benedictus and Agnes Det, by Stammers, byinh, 58; offertory, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," Edwyn Chier, precessional 48;

wyn Clare; recessional, 482. Choir Sopranos, Miss Georgie Duckett, Lulu Warner, and Ella Brown: Masters James Chase, Fred. Crusce, Edward Dor sey, Hiram Gray, James Gray, Samuel Hill, Hayward Jennings, James Mahoney, Robert Mattingly, Samuel Mattingly, Raiph Ridgiey, Harry Saunders, Moria Saunders, Charlie Turner, and Theodore Turner, altonaments, Misses Litzle Jones and Fertha Saunders, tenors, Mr. W. H. Goodrich and Leon S. Turner, Jones A. K. B. Furner, bassos, Mr. A. K. Broche and Alon: aunders; choir master, Mr. A. K. Brodle organist and musical directress. Miss Cect Frances McKee: Rev. O. L. Mitchell, priest

E Street Baptist Church, Rev. J. J. Muir, b. D., pustor—A special musical program has been arranged for both moraling and evening services on Sunday. The selec-tions embrace the following Morning ser-vice, chorus, Christmas anthem, Partlett, "Gloria Partl," Lloyd, offertory sele-song by Mrs. Carrie V. Kldwell-Stewart, the thicken," Coombstchorus, "There were shepherds," Dudley Buck. Evening service, chorus, Christmas anthem, "Your Voices Raise Ye," Wiegand, offerfory solo, song by Miss Mattle V. Wade, "Night of Nights," Van De Water; chorus, "The solo, song by Miss Mattle V. Wade, "Night of Nights," Van De Water, chorus, "The Star of Bethlelsen," Wiegand. The per-sonnel of the choir is as follows: Quartet, Mrs. Carrie V. Kidwell-Stewart, soprano; Mrs. Clara West-Evans, contraito; Dr. A. J. Brown, tenor; Mr. T. R. Riley, bass; chorus, Miss Mattle V. Wade, Miss M. E. Fentland, Mrs. C. G. Heitinger, Miss A. D. Barnett Mrs. L. Kennler, Mrs. R. B. Gar-Barnett, Mrs. L. Keppler, Mrs. R. H. Gun-nell, Mrs. W. A. C. Smith, Miss A. M. Fletcher, and Miss F. V. Ellis. Organist, Mrs. Grace Dufour Brown.

Grace Reformed Church, Fifteenth street etween Rhode Island avenue and P street-Early morning service, 6 o'clock; "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices," West-hoff: "Adeste Fideles," Portogallo; "And There Were Shepherds," Gabriel, "Glory to God in the Highest," Weiss, story of the Nativity, with Christmas hymns, chi and carols: Sunday-school service, 7 p. ... 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.' Gabriel: "O, Come, Emmanuel:" "In the Field With Their Flocks;" story of the hrist Child; Christmas carols; gifts for the poor will be received, and an offering for St. Paul's Orphan Home.

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The recent discovery of an oak tree two r three fest in diameter fifty feet below he surface, while sinking a well with a full at the confluence of the smeath and Senera rivers, is an important discovery, I cadentes that the themas River was an one time the outer of an immense volume of water, and opens up to our readers very

teresting geological conjectures. The theory would seem to be plausible at the Oneula River was oncetheoutlet of that the treatment of lakes. One is reminded that Lake outario is 334 feet lower than Lake fire Three Rivers is 155 feet higher than Lake outario at 6 wego. A great depression has taken place, unquestionably, a conditions immediately connected with Lake Contains in members connected with Lake Contains it has apparently subsided several hundred feet, while the Oneida River has been raised up, so that boday it is 115 feet higher than the surface of the waters of Lake Ontario.

The waters from the great chain of lakes next have possed from Lake (instead

must have passed from Lake Ontario south through the valley where the Oswego River now runs, a reversal of the present course of that river. At the confinence of the Oneida with the Gawego this great volume of water made its way eastward through the Onesda River to the Yonawk and Hudson Rivers. The Mohawk valley shows plainly that it was a great water snows planny that it was a great water, course at one period and the discovery of the burned finiter at Three Evers proves conclusively that the water heal of the Onesda was at one period at least 50 feet lower than it low is, and perhaps 100

 150 lower.
 It is even asserted that the shores of Lake Onlare were once beated as far south as Bullwinsville, thence the course of the shore has been traced through Cavuga, Wayne, Mouroe, and adjacent counties. This condition shows if correct, that the whole region, including Schreeppel, Clay, Cicero, and partions of Madron county, was at one period a vs. lake, but that in subsequent years a subsidence of the waters took place by the depression, causing Lake Omario. Silt was washed down from the West through the Oswego and Oneida Rivers and valleys. The drift of allo-vious was eastward, and, as now proved, covered up trees and filled in deep char-nels. It is conjectured that the St. Law-rence River did not exist at that time.

MEN AND WOMEN.

The new hishop of London's wife is in many respects a more famous personal in English literary upper circles that her distinguished husband. Her histories of France and England have given her high

who began by being a director and stock bolder in the First National Bank of that town, and was, upon the death of her husband, chosen president in his place. It is expected that the German emperor will visit Jerusalem next spring, probably at Easter, to be present at the consecration of a Lutheran church there.

The church is to be erected on ground

One of the few women bank presidents

given by the suitan to the late emperor, the kniser's father, Ex-Congressman Bingham, Lincoln's pudge advocate general, is passing his declining years in Cadiz, O., an old man of eighty-two. One of his choicest recollec-tions is of shaking hands with Lafayette. He was a schoolboy in an Ohio village when the great Frenchman passed through

the town. Lord Rosebery having said that he does not consider London favorable to the 14,6 duction of literary work, it is peinted out that Milton, Dr. Johnson, Kents, Fielding, Richardson, Grote, Browning and Macaulay did most of their literary com-

position in the metropolis John Mortey is fond of dogs, especially of a diminutive fox-terrier, which is frequently seen at his beels on the Thomes embankment or in Rattersea Park, recalls the fact that when in the heat of a political canvass an opponent denounced Mr. Moriey as a dog, the orator and statesman replied: "I have known dogs who for fidelity, friendship, affection and devotion would contrast most favorably with some human beings."

Col. Stewart, who was Gen. Gordon's comrade, and who was murdered during his voyage down the Nile from Khartoum it is believed, kept a journal. In it, it is likely, he kept an account of the defense of Khartoum. This manuscript, it is sup-possible, was preserved by the Mahiti at Omdorman. If the diary still exists it would clear up many doubts. The proposition is made of trying to recover the Stewart diary from the present Mahdi

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